



Principles of Assessment

These principles will assist schools as they develop their own assessment systems.

Purposeful	Fair	Hopeful	Ambitious	Appropriate	Consistent	Meaningful	Assessment feedback should inspire greater effort and a belief that, through hard work and practice, more can be achieved.
<p>Assessment provides evidence to guide teaching and learning.</p> <p>Assessment provides the opportunity for students to demonstrate and review progress.</p>	<p>Assessment is inclusive of all abilities.</p> <p>Assessment is free from bias towards factors that are not relevant.</p>	<p>Assessment outcomes are conveyed in an open, honest and transparent way to assist pupils with their learning.</p> <p>Assessment judgements are moderated by experienced professionals to ensure their accuracy.</p>	<p>Assessment places achievement in context against nationally standardised criteria and expected standards.</p> <p>Assessment embodies, through objective criteria, a pathway of progress and development for every child.</p> <p>Assessment objectives set high expectations for learners.</p>	<p>The purpose of any assessment process should be clear.</p> <p>Conclusions regarding pupil achievement are valid when the assessment method is appropriate.</p> <p>Assessment should draw on a wide range of evidence to provide a complete picture of student achievement.</p> <p>Assessment should demand no more procedures or records than are practically required to allow pupils, parents and teachers to plan future learning.</p>	<p>Judgements are formed according to common principles.</p> <p>The results are readily understandable by third parties.</p> <p>A school's results are capable of comparison with other schools, both locally and nationally.</p>	<p>Pupils in developing their learning.</p> <p>Parents in supporting children with their learning.</p> <p>Teachers in planning teaching and learning. Assessment must provide information that justifies the time spent.</p> <p>School leaders and governors in planning and allocating resources.</p>	